



# Galena ROTARY NEWS

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## President's Page

Over the past several months I've watched the Annual Auction Committee prepare for our 2005 event. I've watched individual members dedicate themselves to Galena Grand Excursion. I've seen two new committees formed – the Citizen Recognition Committee and Twin Club.

I've watched the Centennial Committee gear up for new levels of service and work with other committees—Membership, Variety Show and Programs—to come up with something extra special for next spring. I've watched Dwight Bischel create a literacy program that has won kudos from Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. I've watched the Rotary Roundtable Committee craft a program focusing on education. I've observed the care and concern with which members handle our Student Exchange Program. Add other successful programs, such as Student of the Quarter, Jennifer Purdy Schol-

arships, RYLA, Teacher of the Year, Relay for Life -- the list is not only long, but impressive.

Considering all of the above, I've been asking myself: "Why is the Rotary Club of Galena so successful with its projects?" An e-mail "conversation" with our new outbound exchange student coordinator Randy Downing provides at least part of the answer.

A few weeks ago a young woman from Lena sent us an e-mail in which she indicated an interest in the outbound exchange student program. I e-mailed Randy, providing the young woman's name, along with a name of another potential outbound exchange student.

Rather than "jumping the gun" with either of the names, Randy instead determined that he wanted to find out everything could about the outbound program. He did just that – researched it thoroughly, and now has come up with a wonderful letter to area high school students, giving full details on the program.

Randy's approach is one of keys to our success! It's an excellent example of the careful thought and creativity that goes into every single project that The Rotary

Club of Galena takes on. And not only that – our committee chairs and committee members invest an incredible amount of "front-end" time to make sure we're on the right track. And, next there is the steadfast follow-

through to make sure we stay on course.

But there's one other factor that weighs heavily in the "success" equation: Dependability! When members of our club say they'll do something. . . they do it! Someone will be always there to set up our meeting room. There will always be greeters and people to do trivia and fines. Just think about it for a moment – we can enjoy a real sense of community in knowing that our brothers and sisters of Rotary follow through on what they promise – in spades!



*P. Carter Newton, President*

## Every Rotarian Every Year!



One of the ways that Galena Rotarians connect with the world around us is through the Rotary International Foundation. The Foundation and Rotary members have done an incredible job in helping to virtually wipe out polio world-wide. The Foundation provides funding to help people in need, as well as providing educational opportunities.

Contributing to the Rotary Foundation is a tangible way for members to help Rotary pursue its mission of Service Above Self. As your president I urge all of you to contribute \$100 per year as part

of the "Every Rotarian Every Year" program. For your convenience, we've set up a program by which you can contribute \$25 per quarter. If you'd like more information about "Every Rotarian, Every Year," or would like to know more about the Foundation, contact Jack Morehead. He'll be more than happy to answer your questions. Information is also available on the Rotary International Website:

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Keep up the great work!

*P. Carter Newton, President*

# Dr. Barbara Sloan Is Newest Member

Dr. Barbara K. Sloan, the new superintendent of Scales Mound schools, was formally inducted into The Rotary Club of Galena at its Sept. 3 luncheon meeting. Dr. Sloan was sponsored by Dale Freres.

Prior to moving to Galena this year, Barbara was superintendent of schools at Oak Grove, IL, which is near Libertyville. She was a member of the Libertyville Rotary Club for four years, serving on the board of directors for two years. Last year she was elected vice president, and was in line for the presidency of the club before accepting the Scales Mound position.

Barbara received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana; a master's degree from Northwestern University, Evanston, and a doctorate in education from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. She has held top administrative posts in a number of Chicago suburban and "ex-urban" cities, including Schiller Park, Aurora

and Yorkville. At Yorkville, she also helped found that city's Kiwanis Club, and served as its president for two years.

Barbara and her husband, Charles have had a long association with the Galena area. Besides owning a part-time home in the Territory for the past five years, the couple has come here often over the years to accommodate Charles's sporting interests. A retired NIU professor, he is an avid hunter, and member of a hunt club in Stockton. "He's also a golfer," says Barbara,



*Dr. Barbara Sloan receives her Rotary pin from District Governor Bob Newlon, who was guest speaker at our Sept. 3 meeting.*

"so you see why I have to work to keep him in ammunition and golf balls!"

Barbara hopes to help us with our many community service projects, and also has an interest in our Education Committee – of course.

## Passing the Hat Nets \$800 + in Donations

Our "pass the hat" efforts are helping support some worthwhile community projects!

In August we collected \$331.00 to help buy new books for the Mt. Morris elementary school library, destroyed by fire. The board voted another \$200.00 for the same project, totaling \$531.00, that District Governor Bob Newlon received during his Sept. 3 visit.

For the State of Illinois' Women with Infant Children (WIC) program, we collected \$481.50 to help

purchase new car seats for "ferrying" Spanish-speaking mothers' infants to Dubuque medical facilities. Joe Terry is in charge of that project.

*District Governor Bob Newlon, right, accepts a \$531 check for the Mt. Morris elementary school library from Galena Rotary Club President Carter Newton.*



# Short Takes

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**T**he Highland Community College's Jo Daviess County Leadership Forum is \$1000.00 richer thanks to a check for that amount presented Sept. 3 to Alan Wenzel, Forum director. Dorte Breckenridge made the presentation, noting that the funds came as the result of a board of directors vote during Romer Wilsek's stint as president. The money will be used to provide scholarships for the Leadership Forum's year-long course, which centers on community service activism. Rotarians Dorte Breckenridge and Julie Bruser are graduates of the program, and Mary Kelly-Train is currently enrolled.

**A**t this writing we were expecting to receive the first 106 Combarbolite items from the Combarbala, Chile Rotary Club, bought with \$500.00 "seed money" provided by our board of directors. Bob Wehrle, who heads up our Centennial Twin Club project, has sent a second \$500.00 check to the Chilean club, and hopes to get another shipment here in time for our country fair weekend. Items will be available for sale to Rotarians, and Bob is also hoping to interest local art groups in distributing them.

**I**n other Centennial project news, a letter has been prepared for sending to area Chambers of Commerce and churches, requesting nominees for our new "Service Above Self Award," to be presented quarterly to a non-Rotarian. Citizen Recog-

niton Committee chairperson Larry Blankenbaker states that he hopes the club will be set to present the initial award in early December. Nomination forms should be filled out and given to Larry during the month of October.

**F**ebruary 23 – Rotary International's "birthday" – has been set for a proposed Celebration Buffet to be held at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque. The buffet, with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, would be open to members of the Dubuque Key City Rotary Club and their guests. Don Gereau is in charge of planning, the event, which would take the place of our Annual Variety Show.

**H**ere are some dates you can put on your calendar: Rotary Roundtable has been set for Jan. 12 at Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa. The topic will be education. Our annual Christmas Party will be held Friday, Dec. 3 at the Irish Cottage. There'll be no noon meeting that day. There'll also be no noon meeting on Friday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve -- but we will hold our regular luncheon meeting on Dec. 31.

**D**istrict Governor Bob Newlon, guest speaker for our Sept. 3 meeting, reminded members

about how our district has helped communities and organizations worldwide through work in conjunction with the Rotary International Foundation. He noted how the Oregon (IL) Rotary Club had helped out with the drilling of clean water wells in Mexican schoolyards – four in all. He suggested that clubs make it a point to publicize such good works as a help in building good local public relations.

**W**e just received an urgent notice from District Governor Bob Newlon about an immediate need for 74 volunteers during National Immunization Days in Africa. They are seeking Rotarians, some French-speaking, to work with local Rotary volunteers, world and local health officials, and local government workers in their efforts to help immunize children against polio in four African countries--Benin, Niger, Nigeria, and Egypt. Travel dates are in November and range from 9- to 12-day trips at a cost of around \$3,000.

According to Bob, "I hope we can send some District 6420 Rotarians this time again and, don't forget, this is not just for Rotarians...all you need to be is a volunteer."

Contact Carter Newton for more information, or e-mail Bob Newlon at [newlon@essex1.com](mailto:newlon@essex1.com).

**Our Mistake:** In our August issue we reported incorrectly that new Rotary member Ron Cadrette was sponsored by Dan Ripley. B'Ann Dittmar was Ron's sponsor. We're sorry for the error.

# Upcoming Programs

## Sept. 17

Ellis Island  
Jim Darling

## Sept. 24

Classification Talks  
Jack Morehead & Ed Schmit

## Oct. 1

Sheriff Steve Allendorf  
Topic to be announced

## Oct. 8 and Oct. 15

Open

## Oct. 22

Student of the Quarter

# Trivia

Sept. 17: Duane Grenier  
Sept. 24: Jim Darling  
Oct. 1: Stuart Ure  
Oct. 8: Bob Wehrle  
Oct. 15: Julie Bruser  
Oct. 22: Phil Jackman  
Oct. 29: Dwight Bischel

# Finemaster

Sept. 17: Syd Sincock  
Sept. 24: Vince Toepfer

# Greeters

Oct 1: Tony Basso/Curt Beatty  
Oct. 8: Roland Bermea/Dwight Bischel  
Oct. 15: Larry Blankenbaker/  
Dorte Breckenridge  
Oct. 22: Lloyd Callaway/Don Campbell  
Oct. 29: Roy Clingman/John Cooke  
Nov. 5: Jim Darling/Dave Decker  
Nov. 12: B'Ann Dittmar/Randy Downing



# FYI

Galena Rotary Club, P.O. Box 52,  
Galena, IL 61036. Meeting every Friday  
at 11:45 a.m. - DeSoto House Hotel

## **2004-2005 Officers**

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